

## House Resolution No.

**Whereas**, as the 2003-2004 school year draws to a close, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives pause to applaud the career achievements of those individuals who are retiring from the field of education; and

**Whereas**, McHenry Elementary School in East St. Louis, Illinois, is losing a valuable member of its faculty with the retirement of fourth grade teacher Elizabeth Thomas who has devoted thirty-eight years of her life to the education of numerous young citizens through tireless endeavors as a teacher; and

**Whereas**, Elizabeth Thomas has taught for twenty-four years at McHenry Elementary School, where she is held in high esteem as an educator who demonstrates considerable competence and remarkable degrees of compassion and understanding; and

**Whereas**, deeply committed to the great cause of learning, Elizabeth Thomas commenced her career in teaching in 1966 at Park Elementary School, where she taught third and fourth grades; and

**Whereas**, Elizabeth Thomas has served as chair of the Courtesy Committee, co-chair of the McHenry School Improvement Committee, presenter at In-Service meetings and the St. Clair County Teachers Institute, judge for the SIU-E Trio Science Fair, mentor for student teachers, and member of district committees to develop Student Learning Objectives and Developmental Learning Objectives, textbook selection committees, and the Social Studies Curriculum Alignment Committee, just to name a few; and

**Whereas**, the recipient of many awards and recognitions, Elizabeth Thomas earned a Bachelor's degree in elementary education at Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville, a Master's degree in education at the University of Missouri-St. Louis, and Administrative certificates from both Missouri and Illinois; and

**Whereas**, Elizabeth Thomas will be the guest of honor at a special retirement reception to be held on May 15, 2004, at the St. Louis Marriott Hotel at Lambert International Airport in St. Louis:

**Now, therefore, be it resolved** that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, join in expressing appreciation to Elizabeth Thomas for the unparalleled service which she has rendered to this nation's children and in wishing her the long, fruitful, and enjoyable retirement that she so justly deserves; and

**Be it further resolved** that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for Elizabeth Thomas, as a measure of our esteem for her.

Offered by \_\_\_\_\_  
Representative Esther Haywood  
District No. 71

I, Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, Second Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. \_\_\_\_, adopted \_\_\_\_\_, 2004.

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Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker